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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION UNITY MOVEMENT

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY FORMED A UNITY COALITION (REFTEL) VISITED EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 2 TO EXPLAIN THEIR COMMON GOALS. THEY LEFT AN INTERNAL PLANNING DOCUMENT WHICH DESCRIBES THEIR OBJECTIVE AS THE INITIATION OF A PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION WHICH WILL LEAD TO A SOCIETY OF CONSENSUS WITH STABILITY AND GREATER INTEREST IN THE LEAST FAVORED CLASSES.

2. THEIR SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR REFORM ARE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL LAWS, REFORM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND THE ELECTORAL LAW TO ALLOW POLITICAL PLURALISM AND DEROGATION OF REPRESSIVE LAWS (E.G. THE TV AND RADIO CODE). THE PLANNING DOCUMENT (WHICH WILL BE POUCHED) IDENTIFIES SOMOZA'S CONTINUATION IN POWER AS AN OBSTACLE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFORMS, CALLS FOR HIS RESIGNATION AND THE ADOPTION, THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES, OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION.

3. EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTION OF THE OPPOSITIONISTS' VIEWS OF U.S. POLICY. THEY ALL APPEARED IN AGREEMENT THAT FOR U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS
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POLICY TO BE CREDIBLE IT SHOULD BE ACTIVELY PROMOTING REMOVAL OF SOMOZA. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY URGED TERMINATION OF ALL U.S. ASSISTANCE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS UNDERWRITING SOMOZA'S CONTINUED HOLD ON POWER. ANOTHER SPOKESMAN URGED IN AN "OFF THE RECORD" COMMENT THAT U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS BE REMOVED FROM THE GN COMPOUND TO OFFICES IN THE EMBASSY AND THAT NO U.S. TRAINING BE PROVIDED TO "JUNIOR" (I.E., MAJ. ANASTASION SOMOZA P.).

4. COMMENT: THE POSITION OF THE OPPOSITION IS DEMONSTRATED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO BE MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE NOT THREATENING REPRISALS AGAINST ANY SECTOR.
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